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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: MISCELLANEOUS SCHEDULE
ITEMS

1. RE QUESTIONS POSED IN BONN 11252, ANSWERS ARE AS
FOLLOWS: (A) WE ARE SATISFIED TO HOLD THE BILATERAL
MEETING AND WORKING LUNCH ON JULY 14 TO FOUR PER SIDE,
WITH THE US SIDE TO BE AS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL. HOWEVER,
EMBASSY MAY NOTE TO CHANCELLERY THAT PRESIDENT CARTER IS
PREPARED TO OPEN THE BILATERAL MEETING WITH A ONE-ON-
ONE SESSION FOR A PERIOD OF TIME SHOULD THE CHANCELLOR SO
DESIRE; (B) PRESIDENT CARTER WILL BE PREPARED TO RESPOND
TO THE CHANCELLOR'S TOAST AT THE LUNCH; (C) WE WILL BE
SENDING A SEPARATE MESSAGE CONCERNING MRS. CARTER'S
SCHEDULE; (D) WE ARE INFORMED THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL
UNFORTUNATELY NOT REPEAT NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THE
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CHANCELLOR'S OFFER TO FLY FROM BONN TO FRANKFURT ON THE
CHANCELLOR'S AIRCRAFT. THIS IS RELATED TO COMMUNICATIONS
REQUIREMENTS PRIMARILY. PLEASE PASS THIS MESSAGE GENTLY
BUT FIRMLY TO THE CHANCELLERY.

2. RE STANDS TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT POTSDAMER PLATZ (US
BERLIN 1444), WE WISH TO HOLD OFF CONSTRUCTION AND ANY

DECISION ON LOCATION UNTIL THE PRE-ADVANCE TEAM VISITS THE SITE.

3. RE BONN 10945, WE WILL PROVIDE THE OFFICIAL PARTY FOR THE STATE VISIT AND THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN THE COURSE OF THIS WEEK. SIMILARLY, A MESSAGE ON THE GIFTS EXCHANGE WILL BE SENT THIS WEEK.

4. RE FRANKFURT 4753, WE WISH TO RESTRICT THE BRIGADE 76 PROGRAM AND OPEN HOUSE TO THE US AND GERMAN SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES AND NOT REPEAT NOT TO INCLUDE THE AMERICAN PUBLIC.

5. RE BONN 10769, FOLLOWING ARE RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS POSED: A. ARRIVAL WILL VERY LIKELY BE AT THE CIVILIAN SIDE OF THE BONN/COLOGNE AIRPORT BUT FINAL DECISION WILL AWAIT PRE-ADVANCE TEAM'S ASSESSMENT OF THE SITE.

B. WE CANNOT EXPAND THE PROGRAM BY TEN MINUTES AT RHEIN-MAIN AIR BASE. C. WE CANNOT EXPAND THE BRIGADE 761 ERBENHEIM PROGRAM FROM 45 MINUTES TO ONE HOUR. THE SCHEDULE SHOULD STICK WITH THE 9:45 TO 10:30 AM TIME FRAME. D. REGARDING THE PRIVATE TIME FROM 12:00 TO 12:30 P.M. ON JULY 15, EMBASSY IS CORRECT IN ASSUMING THAT THIS IS PRIVATE TIME FOR THE PRESIDENT ALONE. E. THE MATTER OF THE NINETY MINUTE FLIGHT TIME FROM FRANKFURT
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TO BERLIN IS AIMED AT TAKING CARE OF ALLOWING THE PRESS TIME TO GET TO BERLIN PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL. F. DEPARTURE FROM BERLIN WILL BE FROM TEMPELHOF. G. EMBASSY IS CORRECT IN POINTING OUT THAT THE FLIGHT TIME FROM BERLIN TO BONN/COLOGNE IS 60-70 MINUTES. WE HAVE AMENDED THE SCHEDULE ACCORDINGLY. H. WE WOULD LIKE TO LIMIT THE FRG OFFICIALS TRAVELLING WITH THE PRESIDENT TO BERLIN ON AIR FORCE ONE TO SCHMIDT (AND WIFE) AND GENSCHER (WITHOUT WIFE, IF POSSIBLE). THE REMAINDER OF THE GERMAN PARTY COULD GO ON THE MILITARY AIRCRAFT THAT WILL BE PROVIDED TO TAKE THE GERMAN DELEGATION TO AND FROM BERLIN. AGAIN, WE WOULD LIKE THE GERMAN SIDE TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF TRAVELLERS SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THE LOGISTICAL DIFFICULTIES THEY WILL POSE FOR THE BERLIN END OF THE SCHEDULE (E.G. MOTORCADES, ETC.) I. WE WISH TO LEAVE OPEN THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE PRESIDENT WILL TRAVEL BY CAR OR HELICOPTER TO SCHLOSS GYMICH FOR THE JULY 16 DINNER. THE PRE-ADVANCE TEAM WILL WANT TO EXAMINE THE SITE AND TRAVEL ROUTE. J. MRS. CARTER AND AMY WILL STAY THROUGH THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT.

4. CONCERNING US BERLIN 1420, WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING

COMMENTS: A. WE WISH TO ELIMINATE THE PART OF THE TEMPELHOF ARRIVAL CEREMONY INVOLVING THE TEN MINUTES WITH THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY. WE WOULD PROPOSE TO HAVE THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY AT THE AIRLIFT MEMORIAL EVENT. THUS IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO HAVE THE EXTRA TWENTY MINUTES TO REVIEW TROOPS AND GREET AMERICANS AT TEMPELHOF. B. WE WANT TO LEAVE OPEN THE QUESTION OF ADDITIONAL TIME FOR IMPROMPTU STOPS. THIS IS A SUBJECT WHICH THE PRE-ADVANCE TEAM WILL EXAMINE. C. WE WANT TO LEAVE OPEN THE QUESTION OF USING ANY PART OF THE HOLDING TIME AT THE CONGRESS HALL FOR TALKS WITH BERLIN AND FRG LEADERS. WE WOULD STRONGLY PREFER TO GIVE THE PRESIDENT ALL OF THAT TIME TO HIMSELF. ONE THOUGHT THAT OCCURS TO US, TO WHICH WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REACTION, IS TO HAVE STOBBE AND LORENZ
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ACCOMPANY THE PRESIDENT IN HIS CAR FROM THE CONGRESS HALL TO TEMPELHOF. D. THE TEMPELHOF DEPARTURE WILL BE A SIMPLE ONE, WITH NO DEPARTURE STATEMENTS, NO CEREMONY, NO POMP. THE PRESIDENT WOULD SIMPLY DRIVE TO THE AIRCRAFT, SHAKE HANDS WITH THE US AND BERLIN DIGNITARIES AND BOARD THE AIRCRAFT.

5. FOR U.S. MISSION BERLIN: WE WOULD APPRECIATE PROPOSALS FOR DRIVING ROUTES THE PRESIDENT COULD TAKE ON HIS TRAVELS IN BERLIN, ALONG WITH DRIVING TIMES FOR THE VARIOUS SUGGESTED ROUTES AND THE TIMES IT WILL TAKE TO GO BETWEEN THE VARIOUS EVENTS.

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